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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS APPEAL TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON
ECONOMIC SUMMIT

REF: OSLO 1685

1. SUMMARY: IN RESPONSE TO MANDATE OF APR 1-3 CONFERENCE
OF EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (SD) ON ECONOMIC POLICY AND
FULL EMPLOYMENT, HELD IN OSLO, NORWEGIAN LO AND LABOR PARTY
HAVE WRITTEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER, ASKING THAT HE
AND OTHER LEADERS TAKE CONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS INTO ACCOUNT
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AT LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT. CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE
SUMMARIZED IN LETTER TO PRESIDENT AND OTHER WORLD LEADERS,
STRESSED 1) GROWTH DIRECTED TOWARD HUMAN WELFARE, 2) POLICIES
FOR STIMULATING INVESTMENT TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT, 3) ACTIVE
LABOR MARKET POLICIES, 4) REDUCTION OF INFLATION, AND 5) CLOSE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION ON ECONOMIC POLICY. LETTER
REPEATS INTENTION OF SDS, EXPRESSED AT OSLO MEETING, TO ASK

OECD TO PREPARE PLAN FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT BY 1980 IN OECD AREA.
TEXT OF LETTER (ORIGINAL OF WHICH SENT BY INTERNATIONAL MAIL APR 15)
BELOW GIVEN EMBOFF BY LO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY, WHO EMPHASIZED
NEED OF LONDON MEETING TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER
POSITIONS OF WESTERN EUROPE'S SDS. END SUMMARY.

2. TEXT OF LETTER:

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

"AT THE INVITATION OF THE NORDIC SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES
AND TRADE UNION CONFEDERATIONS, LEADERS OF SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC/
SOCIALIST PARTIES AND OF TRADE UNION CONFEDERATIONS OF WESTERN
EUROPE MET IN OSLO APRIL 1-3 1977, TO CONFER ON ECONOMIC POLICY,
FULL EMPLOYMENT AND THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN WESTERN EUROPE
AND THE OECD AREA. THE MEETING WAS, AS YOU WILL KNOW, ATTENDED
BY AN IMPRESSIVE NUMBER OF HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES FROM
PARTIES AND TRADE UNION CONFEDERATIONS IN WESTERN EUROPE. A
LIST OF THE ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED IS ENCLOSED.

"THIS EUROPEAN LABOUR MOVEMENT CONFERENCE DISCUSSED THOROUGHLY
THE PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC POLICIES AND FULL EMPLOYMENT, WITH A
VIEW TO PROVIDE PROPOSALS FOR POLICIES AND METHODS TO ACHIEVE
FULL EMPLOYMENT. THE DISCUSSION WAS, AS WELL, INTENDED TO
CREATE A COMMON ATTITUDE.

"IN A BACKGROUND REPORT, WHICH WAS PREPARED IN ADVANCE, SUG-
GESTIONS FOR POLICY AND ON STRATEGY WERE PRESENTED. THE
DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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"THE COMMUNIQUE, WHICH IS ATTACHED AS WELL, ESTABLISHES FULL
EMPLOYMENT AS A PRIMARY AIM FOR ECONOMIC POLICY. IT COMMITS THE
PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS TO WORK FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT IN
WESTERN EUROPE BY 1980 AND ASKS THE OECD TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR
FULL EMPLOYMENT IN THE OECD-AREA BY 1980. IT SUGGESTS A
STRATEGY FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT.

"WE CITE THE CONCLUDING PART OF THE COMMUNIQUE:

'EMPLOYMENT IS A HUMAN RIGHT. ACTIVE ECONOMIC POLICIES AND A
COMMON STRATEGY ARE NECESSARY TO PROMOTE FULL EMPLOYMENT. THE
MAIN POINTS FOR A STRATEGY FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT MUST BE:

'(I) A GROWTH DIRECTED TOWARDS GREATER HUMAN WELFARE. THIS
SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BY GIVING EMPHASIS TO A PLANNED EXPANSION
OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND THROUGH EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS
FOR WORK AND ENVIRONMENT.

'(II) A POLICY FOR STIMULATING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN ORDER TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS ACTIVE INVESTMENT POLICY IS BASED ON A CLOSE COORDINATION OF THE ACTIVITIES IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR.

'(III) A MORE ACTIVE LABOUR MARKET POLICY. THIS INCLUDES A WIDE RANGE OF SELECTIVE MEASURES TO CREATE JOBS AND TRAINING POSSIBILITIES IN ORDER TO RESTORE FULL EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT CAUSING INFLATIONARY PRESSURE.

'(IV) REDUCTION OF INFLATION. THE VITAL FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF FULL EMPLOYMENT. THIS REQUIRES THAT ANTI-INFLATIONARY POLICY SHOULD BE ADAPTED ON A SELECTIVE BASIS.

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'(V) COOPERATION FOR MORE EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS DEFICITS AND SURPLUSES BETWEEN COUNTRIES.

'(VI) CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS ON ECONOMIC POLICY, ESPECIALLY THE SURPLUS COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO SECURE A STEADY INCREASE IN EFFECTIVE DEMAND IN ORDER TO REACH FULL EMPLOYMENT.'

"WE FORWARD THE COMMUNIQUE, WHICH CONTAINS THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE EUROPEAN LABOUR MOVEMENT CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS THE BACKGROUND DOCUMENT TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF AND AS DIRECTED BY THE CONFERENCE.

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"SOON YOU WILL MEET WITH OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS OF INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES AT THE SUMMIT MEETING IN LONDON. THE WORLD EXPECTS THAT THE LEADERS AT THIS MEETING WILL DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND RECESSION, WHICH THE COUNTRIES OF THE OECD-AREA NOW UNDERGO AND WHICH HAVE SUCH SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS WELL.

"WE EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE LONDON SUMMIT MEETING WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT THE WESTERN EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES AND TRADE UNION CONFEDERATIONS ADVISE.

"THE IMPORTANCE OF APPLYING ECONOMIC POLICY TO OBTAIN FULL EMPLOYMENT CAN HARDLY BE OVERESTIMATED. WE UNDERLINE THAT IT MUST BE A PRIMARY TASK OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES TO TRY TO FIND NEW WAYS OF COOPERATION AND COMMON LINES OF ECONOMIC POLICY TO ACHIEVE FULL EMPLOYMENT, PARTICULARLY IN A WORLD WHERE OUR NATIONAL ECONOMIES HAVE BECOME SO CLOSELY TIED TOGETHER. THERE IS MORE AT STAKE THAN INCOME. MODERN DEMOCRACY MUST ENABLE ITSELF TO PROVIDE FOR AND SUSTAIN THE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT OF EACH INDIVIDUAL TO WORK.

SIGNED: "TOR ASPENGREN, CHAIRMAN, LO; AND REIULF STEEN, CHAIRMAN, LABOR PARTY." END OF TEXT.

3. SIMILAR LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT BY LO AND THE LABOR PARTY, THE CONFERENCE HOSTS, TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT, THE PRESIDENTS OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCILS OF EC, OECD AND EFTA, TO SECRETS OF OECD AND EFTA, AND TO PRESIDENT OF COMMISSION OF E.C. CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED THAT LETTERS WOULD BE SENT TO LEADERS OF LEADING INDUSTRIALIZED WESTERN NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS TO URGE SUPPORT FOR CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. FINAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENT ALSO STATED THAT SD ORGANIZATIONS IN EUROPE WOULD ASK OECD TO PREPARE PLAN FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT BY

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1980 IN OECD AREA. NORWEGIAN LO AND LABOR PARTY OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD EMBOFF THAT GON MAY ALSO MAKE SUCH A PROBPOSAL AT OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING THIS YEAR.

5. COMMENT: CONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS REPEAT THEME, MOST OFTEN HEARD IN SCANDINAVIA, THAT POSITIVE ANTI-RECESSIONARY MEASURES IN LARGER WESTERN INDISTRIALIZED STATES NECESSARY TO STIMULATE INCREASE IN DEMAND THAT WILL RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT IN SMALLER, HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, I.E., SCANDINAVIA. WE CONTINUE TO FEEL (AS REPORTED REFTEL) THAT CONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS ON WHOLE MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF NORDIC SD VIEWS AND PRIORITIES THAN THOSE OF ENTIRE EUROPEAN MOVEMENT.

6. COPY OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER ALSO SENT TO GEORGE MEANY, AFL-CIO BY LO. ANDERS

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